

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
3. (original): A fuel injection device comprising a fuel distribution pipe and a fuel injection valve mounted on said fuel distribution pipe,  
  
wherein a band-shaped protrusion extends in the radial direction from a flange portion of a connecting pipe member arranged on said fuel distribution pipe and further extends in parallel to the axis of said fuel injection valve, said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a fitting hole, and said fuel injection valve is provided with a snap spring that is fitted into said fitting hole and extends in the axial direction of said fuel injection valve.
4. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said snap spring is provided with an engaging protrusion at an end thereof.
5. (canceled).
6. (canceled).
7. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a narrow portion.
8. (canceled).
9. (canceled).
10. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a thin-walled portion.

11. (previously presented): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said snap spring is moveable in a radial direction when mounting the fuel injection valve on said fuel distribution pipe.